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## **Message from NSW Regional Director – Ian Ewing**

### **MESSAGE FROM THE NSW REGIONAL DIRECTOR – Ian Ewing**



Welcome to the September edition of Statistics News NSW.

This edition highlights the second stage release of the 2006 Census which will occur progressively from October to December 2007, and a series of recently released ABS publications, which are all rich sources of socioeconomic data on NSW, as well other states and territories:

- **Statistical Trends, NSW, 2007** (cat. no. 1338.1.55.001)
- **General Social Survey, New South Wales, 2006** (cat. no. 4159.1.55.001) and **General Social Survey: Summary Results, Australia, 2006** (cat. no. 4159.0)
- **Population by Age and Sex, Australia, 2006** (cat. no. 3235.0)
- **Regional Population Growth, Australia, 1996–2006** (cat. no. 3218.0)
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- **Household Income and Income Distribution, Australia, 2005-06** (cat. no. 6523.0)
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6537.0).

- **First Release of the Indigenous Community Profiles**

Variables in the second release of the 2006 Census include: labour force status, occupation, education and qualification attainment, and method of travel to work. The NSW Office is offering free online information sessions on 2006 Census data and tools for business, government, academic, and community agencies, contact Amanda Biloft on (02) 9268 4642.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics is reviewing the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC), and a proposal for a new Australian Statistical Geography is detailed in: **Review of the Australian Standard Geographic Classification, 2007** (cat. no. 1216.0.55.001). Comments are invited on the paper and can be submitted by Friday 5 October 2007.

Lastly, I would also like to draw your attention to the following useful new resources now available:

- **Guide to Migrant Statistical Sources, 2007** (ABS cat. no. 3414.0)
- **Community of Users and Producers of Statistics Website**

**NSW Statistics News provides an overview of significant statistical releases in NSW. We offer a range of services to better inform your decision making. Contact us here at [ABS NSW](#).**

## NSW Demography Update



### NSW DEMOGRAPHY UPDATE

#### **Latest snapshot of NSW**

The standardised death rate for NSW has continued to decline in recent years. The 2005–06 preliminary standardised death rate for NSW was 5.97 deaths per 1,000 population, lower than the rate of 6.87 deaths per 1,000 population in 2000–01. The 2005–06 preliminary Total Fertility Rate for NSW was 1.808 births per woman, higher than the 1.781 births per woman recorded for 2000–01. Updated figures for both fertility and mortality will be available in the March 2007 edition of Australian Demographic Statistics due for release in late September 2007. For quarterly information on these and other key demographic indicators see **Australian Demographic Statistics, December 2006** (cat. no. 3101.0)

#### **Population data and 2006 Census Rebasing**

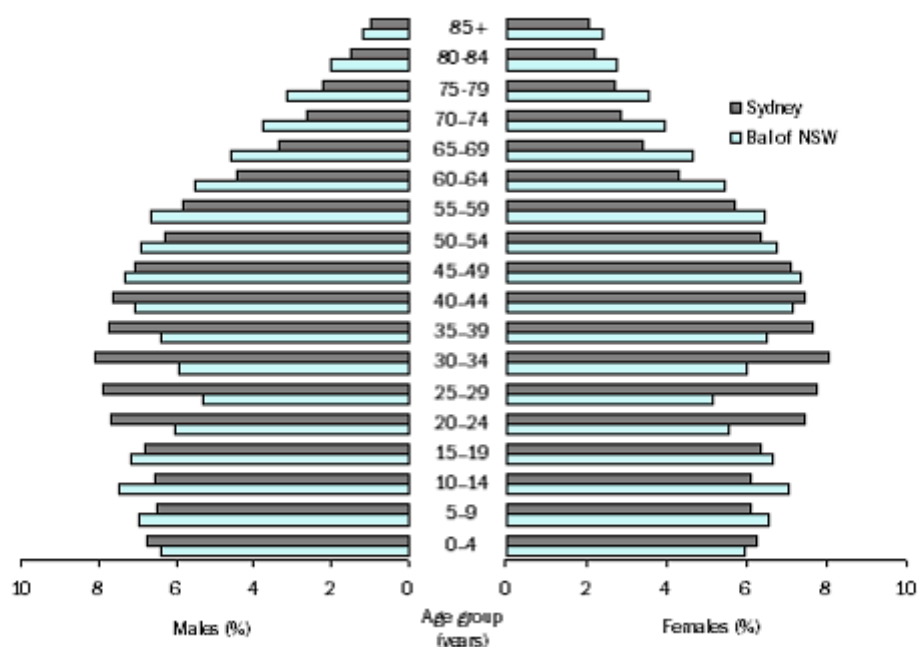
Starting with the December 2006 issue of Australian Demographic Statistics (cat. no. 3101.0), ABS estimated resident population (ERP) data for the recent intercensal period

(September quarter 2001 to June quarter 2006) have been updated using information from the 2006 Census of Population and Housing (2006 Census). The recent releases of **Population by Age and Sex, Australia, 2006** (cat. no. 3235.0) and **Regional Population Growth, Australia, 1996–2006** (cat. no. 3218.0) were also the first releases of 2006 Census based ERP data for Local Government Areas (LGAs).

### Population by Age and Sex in New South Wales

The age profile in the Sydney Statistical Division (SD) is generally younger than that of SDs in the balance of NSW, reflecting the predominance of working age people in Sydney's age profile. In 2006, the Sydney SD recorded a median age of 35.5 years and the largest proportions for both males and females were in the 30–34 year age group (8.1% each). In the balance of NSW, by contrast, the Mid-North Coast SD had the highest median age in the state (43.4 years). Reflecting the older age structure in the balance of NSW, 72% of the 110 non-metropolitan LGAs had proportions of older people greater than that of the state as a whole. For annual information on these figures see **Population by Age and Sex, Australia, 2006** (cat. no. 3235.0)

### Age and Sex Distribution, Sydney Statistical Division and Balance of NSW, 30 June 2006



Source: *Population by Age and Sex, 2006* (cat. no. 3235.0)

### Regional Population Growth, New South Wales – 2006 Census Rebased Data

At June 2006 the centre of population for NSW was in the Local Government Area (LGA) of Hawkesbury. Between June 2001 and June 2006 the centre moved approximately 1.7 kilometres eastward, reflecting the continued growth in LGAs along the coast of NSW. The centre of population of the Sydney SD at June 2006 was located in the suburb of Ermington, just north of the Parramatta River.

Between June 2001 and June 2006, NSW's five largest increases in LGA populations occurred in the Sydney SD. During this period, the inner city LGA of Sydney had the largest and fastest population growth of all LGAs in NSW, growing by 34,900 people at a rate of 4.9% each year. The largest growth in coastal LGAs in NSW occurred in the Tweed LGA (up 8,400 people or 2.2% per year), while the Maitland (up 8,300 people or 2.8% per year) and Queanbeyan (up 4,100 people or 2.3% per year) LGAs, recorded the largest growth of

inland LGAs.

LGAs which had the fastest population declines in the five years to June 2006 were inland areas of NSW that have been affected by the recent drought. For information on these figures see **Regional Population Growth, Australia 1996 to 2006** (cat. no. 3218.0).

For further information contact the National Information and Referrals Service on 1300 135 070 or email [client.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:client.services@abs.gov.au).

## 2006 Census – Second Release



### 2006 CENSUS – Second Release

Census data is released in two stages. The variables released in the first stage are the tick box questions from the Census form. Second release data consists of the variables that required a handwritten response and so require more complex processing.

The second release of 2006 Census of Population and Housing data will progressively become available from October 2007. Second release variables for MapStats, QuickStats, Census Tables, Basic Community Profiles and Indigenous Profiles include: labour force status, occupation, education and qualification attainment, dwelling location one and five years ago, and method of travel to work.

Second release data builds on the already extensive range of Census information currently available on the ABS website, including the recent first release of the community profiles (Basic, Indigenous and Time Series). Census DataPacks of these community profiles in CD-ROM form are also now available for purchase. A full list of first and second release variables is available in the **Census Dictionary, 2006** (cat. no. 2901.0)

For further information contact the National Information and Referrals Service on 1300 135 070 or email [client.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:client.services@abs.gov.au).



### 2006 CENSUS – Free Information and Training

Many policy makers, researchers and marketers are not aware of the amazing amount of data that you can get for free from the Australian Bureau of Statistics 2006 Census.

If you would like to find out what Census data is available and how you might use this to understand more about your clients, customers, or stakeholders, as well as geographic areas of interest, we are offering free online information sessions in the use of our powerful Census data and tools.

If you wish to discuss this offer please contact Amanda Bilttoft, National Account Manager ABS on (02) 9268 4642 or email [client.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:client.services@abs.gov.au).

**Conditions apply**

Information sessions covering existing online data are available only in NSW for groups of 5 and over, for a minimum duration of 30 minutes and maximum of 2 hours.



## New Ways to Find Migrant Statistical Sources



### NEW WAYS TO FIND MIGRANT STATISTICAL SOURCES

The ABS National Migrant Statistics Unit (NMSU) recently released a **Guide to Migrant Statistical Sources, 2007** (ABS cat. no. 3414.0). The Guide is a useful way of finding and accessing relevant sources of data on migrants and ethnicity. It contains information on almost 100 data collections, including a wide range of ABS surveys as well as data sourced from academic institutions, federal and state government departments.

These data sources have been brought together in one place so they can be easily searched by title or topic. A brief overview of each data collection is provided, together with how to access the data or obtain more information.

The Guide will be updated on a regular basis and we are keen to include additional sources. If you are aware of other migrant related data sources that may be of interest, please email the information to: [migrant.statistics.unit@abs.gov.au](mailto:migrant.statistics.unit@abs.gov.au).

New products to be produced by the NMSU will be promoted through the ABS **Migrant and Ethnicity theme page**, as well as the half yearly electronic newsletter **Migrant Statistics News**.

If you need assistance finding migrant and ethnicity statistical information, please contact the National Information and Referrals Service on 1300 135 070 or email [client.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:client.services@abs.gov.au).

## Australian Social Trends 2007

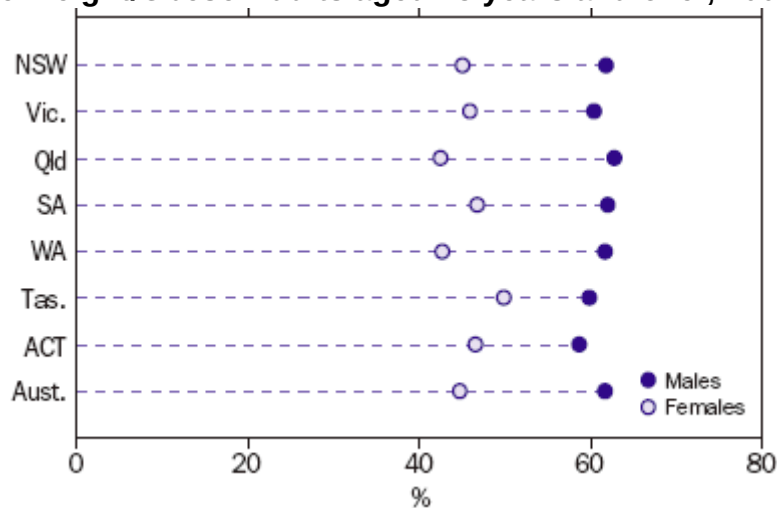


### AUSTRALIAN SOCIAL TRENDS 2007

We're more likely to be overweight, less likely to marry, and consuming more goods and services, according to the recently released Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) flagship publication, **Australian Social Trends, 2007** (cat. no. 4102.0). This annual publication provides a snapshot of life in Australia, including contemporary social issues and areas of public policy concern.



### Overweight/Obese Adults aged 18 years and over, 2004–05



Source: Australian Social Trends, 2007 (cat. no. 4102.0)

Drawing on a wide range of ABS statistics and other official sources, *Australian Social Trends* describes aspects of Australian society, and how these are changing over time, both nationally and for all states and territories. It is designed to assist and encourage informed decision-making, and to be of value to a wide audience, including those engaged in social policy, research, journalism, marketing and teaching, as well as anyone interested in how we live today and how we've changed over recent decades.

*Australian Social Trends 2007* covers major areas of social concern, including population, family and community, health, education and training, work, economic resources, housing, crime and justice, culture and leisure, the environment, and provides international comparisons for a number of these topics. In this edition, articles focus on fertility, maternity and babies, labour force participation, one-parent families, international students, wealth in housing, overweight and obesity, and trends in household consumption.

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## 2006 General Social Survey



### 2006 GENERAL SOCIAL SURVEY

Among the many aspects of life that are important to human wellbeing are good health, good family relationships within and across households, and engagement with wider social networks. Good educational opportunities and outcomes, suitable employment, a decent income and freedom from financial stress, a decent and affordable place to live, feeling safe and secure, and having access to suitable transport are further contributors to wellbeing.

The **General Social Survey: Summary Results, Australia, 2006** (cat. no. 4159.0)

presents a picture of all of these aspects of living, and how they compare for groups with different circumstances. Information on income, assets and liabilities and financial stress are available, along with other types of stressors, health and disability, a range of information about the conditions of employment, education and training, internet use and housing information.

### Selected Housing Costs (\$)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT(a)	ACT	All Persons
Mean mortgage payments per week	366	301	304	251	289	209	325	319	314
Median mortgage payments per week	310	253	276	210	250	184	299	300	275
Mean rent payments per week	220	186	206	152	171	135	185	243	198
Median rent payments per week	200	178	200	150	165	125	180	258	184

Source: General Social Survey, Summary Results, Australia, 2006 (cat. no. 4159.0)

**General Social Survey, New South Wales, 2006** (cat. no. 4159.1.55.001) provides state versions of data from the summary publication.

**General Social Survey: User Guide, Australia, 2006** (cat. no. 4159.0.55.002) provides information about the conduct and quality of the survey, and a guide for researchers using the confidentialised unit record files. Spreadsheets with data item lists are attached to this product.

Consider the value you could obtain from a confidentialised unit record file to carry out your own tailored research on this exciting new dataset, which addresses many challenging issues of our times. The basic version on a CD ROM, or through the online Remote Access Data Laboratory (RADL) and the expanded version on the RADL can be purchased individually at \$1,320 each, or bundled together at the discounted price of \$1,980.

For further information contact Elisabeth Davis on (02) 6252 7880 or email [client.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:client.services@abs.gov.au).

## Participation in Voluntary Work

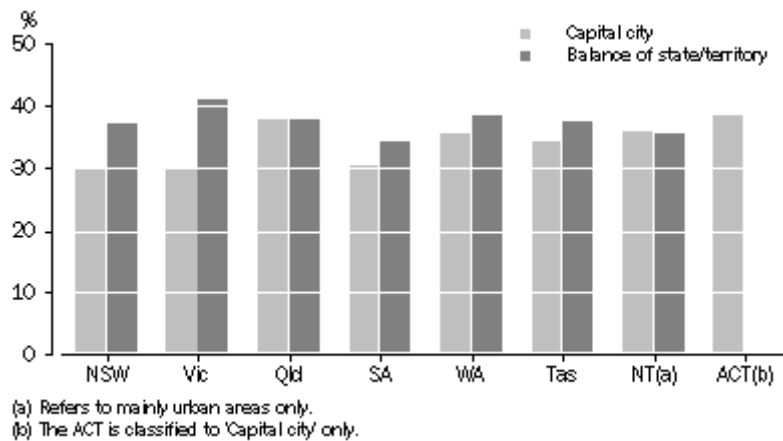


### PARTICIPATION IN VOLUNTARY WORK

Results from the recently released ABS publication **Voluntary Work, Australia, 2006** (cat. no. 4441.0) show that 5.2 million people (34%) of the Australian population aged 18 years and over participated in voluntary work, contributing 713 million hours to community activities.

### Participation in Voluntary Work





Source: *Voluntary Work, Australia, 2006* (cat. no. 4441.0)

Other key results are:

- In couple families, around two-thirds (64%) of mothers and half (51%) of fathers of children aged 5-14 years volunteered in the previous 12 months, mostly through school groups and sports organisations.
- 43% of current students were volunteers, these high rates continued for people with higher levels of education (45%).
- Retired men and women gave the highest weekly hours of voluntary work; on average, 5.9 hours for retired men, and 3.5 hours for retired women.
- Helping others (57%) and personal satisfaction (44%) were leading reasons given for volunteering, and another reason given by 38% of unemployed people and 39% of those not in the labour force, was to do something worthwhile.
- People whose parents had been volunteers were more likely to be volunteers themselves, 43% compared with 23% of those whose parents had not been volunteers.
- 77% of the population made donations of money to organisations.

If you are interested in a confidentialised unit record file for this information, the full set of voluntary work information is available on the **General Social Survey, Basic Confidentialised Unit Record File, 2006** (cat. no. 4159.0.30.001), or **General Social Survey, Expanded Confidentialised Unit Record File, 2006** (cat. no. 4159.0.30.002).

For further information contact Elisabeth Davis on (02) 6252 7880 or email [client.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:client.services@abs.gov.au).

## Latest Household Income and Wealth Statistics



### LATEST HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND WEALTH STATISTICS

Results from the 2005-06 Survey of Income and Housing were released in August, providing

estimates of the income, net worth and other characteristics of households and persons living in private dwellings in Australia.

Key results from the 2005-06 survey are:

- Over the last eleven years to 2005-06, there was a 31% increase in the real mean income of low income people, compared to 32% for middle income people and 36% for high income people.
- Mean incomes in Australian capital cities were 16% above those outside capital cities.
- Mean incomes in NSW were 2% above the national average, and mean incomes in Sydney were 5% above the capital city average.
- The wealthiest 20% of Australian households in 2005-06 accounted for 61% of total household net worth, with average net worth of \$1.7 million per household.
- The poorest 20% of households accounted for 1% of total household net worth and had an average net worth of \$27,000 per household.

	Income per Week (\$)								
	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT(a)	ACT	Aust.
Gross household income									
Mean income	1 378	1 283	1 275	1 151	1 299	1 025	1 062	1 639	1 305
Median income	1 076	1 024	1 056	905	1 023	850	1 507	1 445	1 040
Equivalised disposable household income									
Mean income	660	635	632	605	658	546	724	786	644
Median income	565	564	556	529	581	486	670	712	563
Mean household net worth	632 402	566 499	509 502	502 052	550 603	406 638	391 911	573 126	562 859

(a) Households in collection districts defined as very remote were excluded, accounting for about 24% of the population in the NT.

Source: *Household Income and Income Distribution, Australia, 2005-06* (cat. no. 6523.0)

**Household Income and Income Distribution, Australia, 2005-06** (cat. no. 6523.0) provides a summary of income related data available from the survey. More detailed tables are available in **Household Income and Income Distribution, Australia - Detailed Tables, 2005-06** (cat. no. 6523.0.55.001). A confidentialised unit record file (CURF) is also available for purchase by authorised clients for approved purposes of statistical analysis and policy research. More detailed data on wealth and housing will be published later this year in *Household Wealth and Wealth Distribution, Australia, 2005-06* (cat. no. 6554.0) and *Housing Occupancy and Costs, Australia, 2005-06* (cat. no. 4130.55.001).

For further information contact Jan Gatenby on (02) 6252 6174 or email [living.conditions@abs.gov.au](mailto:living.conditions@abs.gov.au).

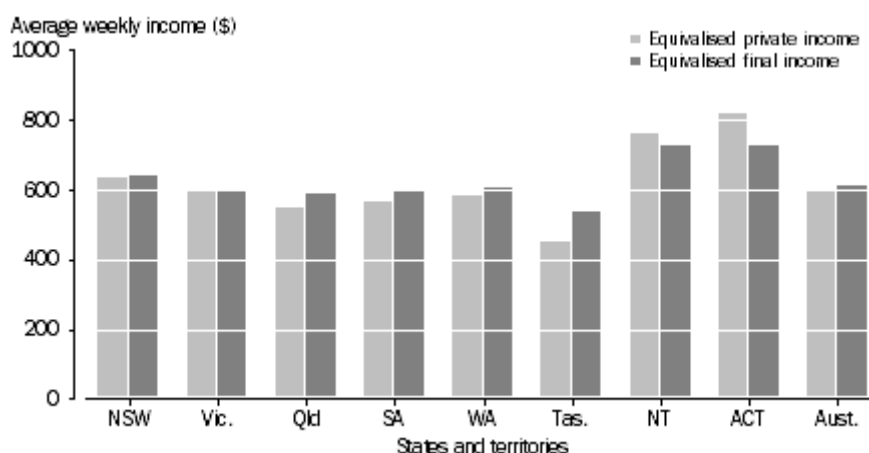
# Government Benefits, Taxes and Household Income



## GOVERNMENT BENEFITS, TAXES AND HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Results of a study of the effects of government benefits and taxes on the distribution of income among private households in Australia in 2003-04, were released in June 2007. The study uses Household Expenditure Survey data in conjunction with other data, such as government finance statistics, to calculate the effects of government benefits and taxes on household income.

### Equivalised Income Levels – all households



Source: *Government Benefits, Taxes and Household Income, Australia, 2003-04* (cat no. 6537.0)

Key results from the 2003-04 study include:

- 27% of government benefits, both in cash and in kind, were allocated to the 20% of people in the low income group.
- 20% of people in the low income group received 36% of the government benefits in cash, whereas people in the high income group (the top 20%) received 4% of the cash benefits.
- Indirect benefits provided in kind through government services in health, education, housing, social security and welfare were more evenly distributed, with 22% of benefits received by people in the low income group and 16% received by those in the high income group.
- People in the low income group paid 5% of all personal income taxes, and 17% of taxes on production such as the GST, while the high income group paid 54% of personal income taxes and 26% of the allocated taxes on production.

Results of the study are available in **Government Benefits, Taxes and Household Income, Australia, 2003-04** (cat no. 6537.0). In addition, a confidentialised unit record file is available for purchase by authorised clients for approved purposes of statistical analysis and policy research.

For further information contact Rajni Madan on (02) 6252 7457 or email

## New Industrial Classification System



### NEW INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

The **Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006** (cat 1292.0) was released in February 2006 and replaced ANZSIC 1993. The aim of the new classification is to create a more contemporary industrial classification system that identifies new and emerging industries. The **Information Paper: ANZSIC 2006 Implementation, 2006** (cat. no. 1295.0), was released in November 2005, to inform users of the changes and provide an overview of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) program to implement the new classification into a range of statistical series. This paper includes the expected timing of adoption of the ANZSIC 2006 for specific economic collections.

The Australian National Accounts (ANA) will be the last publication to adopt the ANZSIC 2006, in late 2009. In the meantime, other collections which are not key economic indicators feeding to ANA have started to migrate to ANZSIC 2006. The quarterly Labour Force Survey (LFS) was the first collection to release information based on the ANZSIC 2006 structure, in March 2007.

In addition, four more collections are expected to release data on ANZSIC 2006 basis in 2007:

- Retail and Wholesale Service Industries (2005–06) in August
- Population Census (2006) in October
- Agriculture Census (2005–06) in November
- Engineering Construction (Sep Qtr 2007) in December.

For further information contact the National Information and Referrals Service on 1300 135 070 or email [client.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:client.services@abs.gov.au).

## ABS Review of Statistical Geography Standards



### REVIEW OF STATISTICAL GEOGRAPHY STANDARDS

The Australian Bureau of Statistics is reviewing the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC). Earlier this year a panel of ABS and non-ABS experts was convened to generate ideas, and a first round of consultation took place in all capital cities. As a result

the ABS has now developed a proposal for a new Australian Statistical Geography, which is detailed in an information paper: **Review of the Australian Standard Geographic Classification, 2007** (cat. no. 1216.0.55.001). The information paper is available free from the ABS web site.

The proposal brings together all the geographical boundaries used by the ABS, and the most significant changes are:

- existing structures have been simplified and now all the geographic areas are built up from mesh blocks
- a hierarchy of new statistical units will be developed based on the identification of 'functional areas', and these units are expected to be more stable than the existing ASGC structures
- existing units such as Census Collection Districts and Statistical Local Areas will no longer exist
- meshblock based concordances to commonly used geographies such as local government areas, suburbs, electorates and postcodes will be published annually, while the ASGC publication itself will only be updated in Census years.

Comments are invited on the paper and can be submitted before Friday 5 October 2007 by emailing [geography@abs.gov.au](mailto:geography@abs.gov.au).

## Networks for Users and Producers of Statistics



### NETWORKS FOR USERS AND PRODUCERS OF STATISTICS

Australia's National Statistical Service (NSS) represents the range of statistical services that are collectively provided for Australia. The primary aim of the NSS is to provide an accurate, up-to-date, comprehensive and meaningful picture of the economy, society and the environment to support the formulation and monitoring of policies, and to inform Australian society. A key strategy of the NSS is to develop a strong community of people interested in statistics. Two networks (national and state based) have been established for users and producers of statistics, to provide a forum for sharing information and organising community networking and activities.

#### **NSW Statistical Users and Producers Network (NSW-SUPN)**

The NSW Statistical Users and Producers Network (NSW-SUPN) is a collaboration of NSW government agencies that provides the opportunity for members to develop expertise and share knowledge with other agencies to strengthen capabilities in measuring and reporting policy outcomes. Recently, the ABS NSW Office hosted the first NSW-SUPN seminar on *NSW Practices and Experiences in Developing Headline Indicators and Supporting Measures*. It was primarily directed towards NSW government staff involved in developing, administering policy and assessing policy outcomes. The seminar featured three presentations delivered by prominent NSW government officers, and covered the following topics:

- **Statistics, Knowledge and Policy – The NSW Context**, Laurie Young (NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet)
- **Developing Headline Indicators for Families NSW**, Ruth Callaghan (NSW Department of Community Services)
- **NSW State Plan**, Ben Keneally (NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet)

A panel discussion followed with the presenters and Allan McLean, Assistant Director from ABS NSW, providing attendees the opportunity to pose questions directly to panel members, and gain more detailed insights into headline indicators and policy development.

If you would like to hear more about NSW–SUPN or if you have an event that you would like to share with the network please email [nsw.statistics@abs.gov.au](mailto:nsw.statistics@abs.gov.au).

### **Community of Users and Producers of Statistics (CUPS)**

The national network, Community of Users and Producers of Statistics (CUPS), is open to anyone with a statistical or a statistically-related role in Australian, State and local governments and the academic and business sectors. The **CUPS Website** contains information on: training, recruitment and career development; statistical references; and links to conferences, seminars and workshops of interest to the Community. CUPS website also links to relevant professional associations and information networks. If you would like to hear more about CUPS or if you have an event that you would like to share with the Community please email [inquiries@nss.gov.au](mailto:inquiries@nss.gov.au).



## **2011 Census - Your Chance to Have a Say**



### **2011 CENSUS – Your Chance To Have A Say**

While continuing to deliver more new and exciting products and services from the 2006 Census, the ABS is also turning its attention to the next Census of Population and Housing to be held in August 2011.

The ABS will soon be inviting public comment on the content and procedures of the next Census. The invitation to have a say in the way the nation's largest statistical collection is undertaken is in the *Information Paper: 2011 Census of Population and Housing: ABS Views on Content and Procedures* (cat. no. 2007.0) to be released **26 October 2007**.



This is the first in a series of information papers about the 2011 Census, and marks the first step in the public consultation process for 2011, outlining ABS proposals for the next Census, including:

- procedures for conducting the Census
- arrangements to protect the privacy of individuals
- measures to ensure the confidentiality of the information collected
- topics to be included
- topics under review, including new topic proposals
- topics to be excluded

## How do I make a submission?

Submissions can be lodged either online, electronically by email or in hardcopy. The submission period will **open from 26 October 2007 to 31 March 2008**. Users of Census data and interested members of the public are invited to make submissions on any aspect of the Census.

The Information Paper, Submission Form and guidelines for making a submission will be available on the ABS website (for free download) at [www.abs.gov.au/ 2011censusviews](http://www.abs.gov.au/2011censusviews) from **26 October 2007**.

Information Sessions on 2006 Census products and 2011 Census Topic Consultation are planned for Sydney 12 and 13 October, and Newcastle 15 October. These meetings are open to all interested members of the public and provide an opportunity to hear more about plans for the next Census, meet ABS staff and ask questions. For further information about the 2011 Census Topic Consultations in NSW please contact Yvette Walker on (02) 9268 4551 or email [nsw.statistics@abs.gov.au](mailto:nsw.statistics@abs.gov.au).

## What happens next?

Following the assessment of submissions and consultation meetings, recommendations on the content and procedures of the 2011 Census will be discussed with the Australian Statistics Advisory Council later in 2008. The ABS will then prepare a submission to the Federal Government during 2009. A final decision on the 2011 Census topics is expected to be made by the Federal Government in late 2009. The ABS will then release a further Information Paper outlining the final nature and content of the 2011 Census.

All individuals or organisations who have made submissions will be advised of the final outcomes.

## NSW Statistical Training



NSW STATISTICAL TRAINING

**Developing your statistical skills for better decision making**

The ABS provides a range of statistical training courses for developing the skills needed to undertake high quality statistical collections and statistical analysis. The training courses develop practical skills through formal presentations, interactive discussion and participant involvement in individual and group exercises.

### **Not sure whether the training is right for you?**

The ABS provides training to assist in the development of the skills necessary for producing or identifying high quality statistics and using statistics to inform decision making. Each course provides an introduction to a wide range of issues confronting users and producers of statistics. The courses are suited to people who have limited practical or theoretical experiences, and want to develop a working knowledge of using statistics and data.

The courses are designed to increase your confidence in using statistical data, and to gain a better understanding of the issues involved in choosing and using statistics. All courses provide you with the opportunity to discuss issues in a supportive learning environment, and provide well paced learning through practical, informative and relevant training modules.

### **What courses are offered?**

Some of our more popular courses are:

- Making Quality Informed Decisions
- Analysing Survey Data Made Simple, and
- Turning Data into Information

**There are places available for the Turning Data into Information course scheduled for 17-18 October 2007.**

For further information on this course and the full suite of courses offered, please visit our website <[www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au)>, or contact NSW Training Coordinator on (02) 9268 4415, or email [client.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:client.services@abs.gov.au).



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